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PITTSBURGH (UPI) -- REP. WILLIAM S. MOORHEAD, D-PA., SAID TODAY FREEDOM OF THE PRESS IS "UNDER CONCENTRATED ATTACK" FROM THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION.

"ADMINISTRATION THREATS AND OVERT ACTIONS AGAINST THE NEWS MEDIA, INCLUDING FBI INVESTIGATIONS, ARRESTS AND PROSECUTION, HAVE HAD A CHILLING EFFECT ON FREEDOM OF THE PRESS IN THIS COUNTRY," MOORHEAD SAID IN REMARKS PREPARED FOR A MEETING OF A LOCAL CHAPTER OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF JEWISH WOMEN.

"WHAT REPORTER WILL UNHESITATINGLY USE INFORMATION OR DOCUMENTS PROVIDED TO HIM IN A STORY EXPOSING SCANDAL OR WRONGDOING WITHIN THE ADMINISTRATION IF HE KNOWS HE MAY BE SUBJECT TO PROSECUTION UNLESS HE REVEALS THE SOURCE OF SUCH INFORMATION?" MOORE SAID.

"THE DRYING UP OF NEWS SOURCES, AN INEVITABLE RESULT OF SUCH ADMINISTRATION TACTICS, WILL NOT ONLY DEPRIVE THE NEWS MEDIA OF THE CHANCE TO PERFORM THEIR LEGITIMATE AND NECESSARY FUNCTION TO INFORM THE PUBLIC ABOUT WHAT THEIR GOVERNMENT IS DOING, BUT WILL ALSO ROB THE AMERICAN VOTERS OF THE TYPE OF INFORMATION VITALLY NEEDED TO EXERCISE AN INTELLIGENT JUDGEMENT ON THE STEWARDSHIP OF THEIR NATIONALLY ELECTED LEADERS."

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